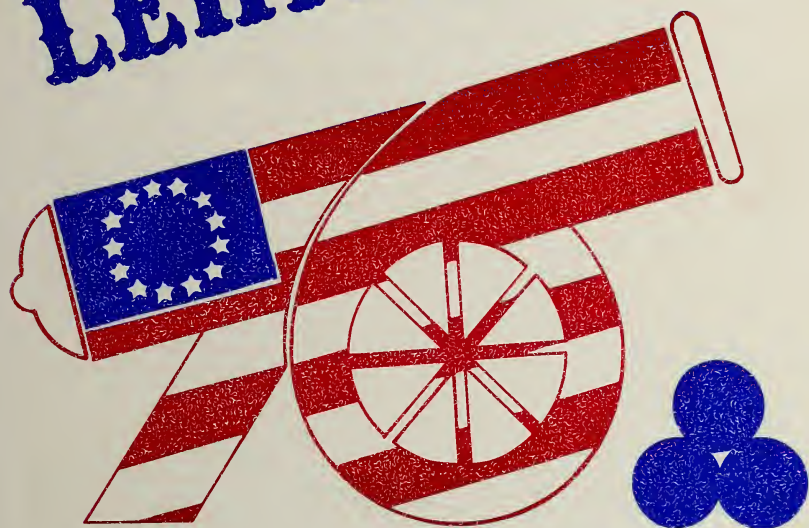




# NORTHERN LEHIGH



## BICENTENNIAL MEMORIES 1976

# FOREWORD

In presenting this memento of our bicentennial year, the Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Committee hopes to preserve some of the activities of this great occasion.

Included are scenes of the area as they appeared in 1776 and the people who organized and participated in the Bicentennial celebration.

Paging through the booklet, we trust you will relive the memories of our Nation's two hundredth birthday as it was commemorated in the Northern Lehigh Area.



Commemorative Coin — Lehigh County Bicentennial Seal (Reverse)



Commemorative Coin - Depicting Kern's Sawmill (Obverse)

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WALNUTPORT BOROUGH COUNCIL - Standing: Ernest Smith, Darryl Stubits, Sherwood Zellner, Paul Pavelko; Seated: Mayor Willard Meinhart, Henry Kline, Edward Buss.

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# NORTHERN LEHIGH AREA



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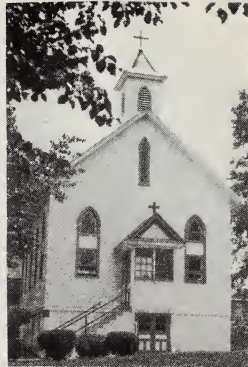
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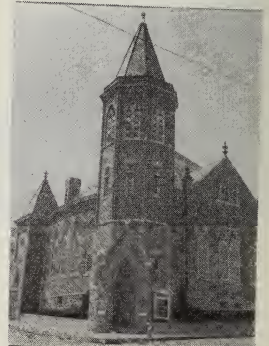
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Christ U. C. C.



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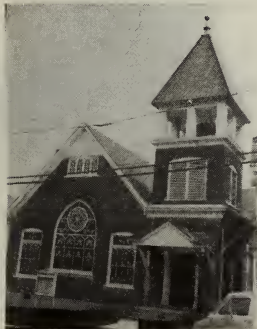
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Salem United  
Methodist Church



Seventh-Day Adventist  
Church



Trinity Evangelical  
Congregational Church



Trinity Lutheran &  
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United Presbyterian  
Church

# SCHOOLS



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SENIOR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL



SLATINGTON  
JUNIOR  
HIGH  
SCHOOL



WALNUTPORT  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL

SMITH  
HALL  
GYMNASIUM





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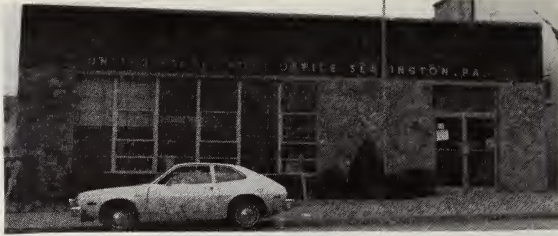
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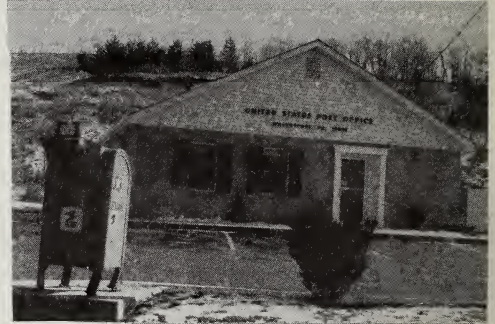
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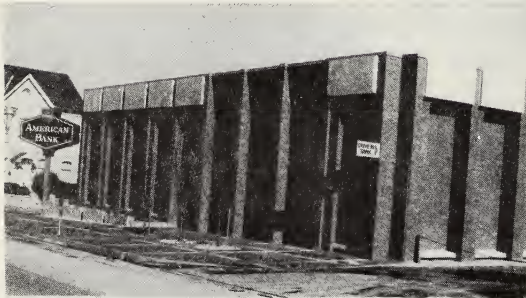
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Citizens National Bank of Slatington



# PLACES OF INTEREST



SLATINGTON

LIBRARY



VICTORY PARK &  
NORTHERN LEHIGH  
SWIMMING POOL



LEHIGH COAL AND  
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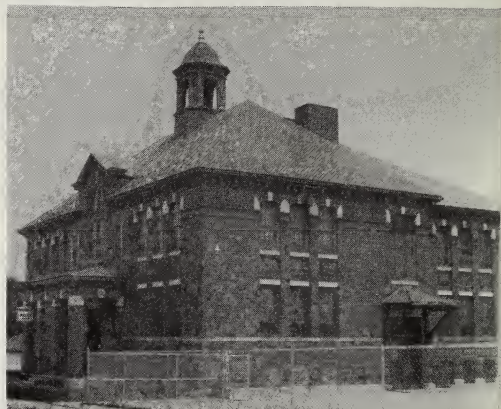
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Former Presbyterian Church,  
Slatington



Canal Scene, Walnutport



Former Roosevelt School, Now Borough Hall,  
Slatington



Kern's Grist Mill, Slatington



Kern's Home-1824, Slatington

# MEMORIALS



Fireman's Statue, Slatington



D.A.R. Revolutionary & Civil War, Union Cemetery, Slatington



World War I-II, Walnutport



WW I, Friedens



WW I, Slatedale



WW I, Emerald





## Certificate of Official Recognition

Accorded to

*Slatington-Walnutport-Washington Townships, Pennsylvania*

*for designation as a Bicentennial Community*

By the  
American Revolution  
Bicentennial Administration

*John J. Warner*  
Administrator

"We feel a sense of pride as we reflect the events and accomplishments of the last two and one-half years, when the spark of a Bicentennial ignited a giant flame of patriotism in the Northern Lehigh communities of Slatington, Walnutport and Washington Township.

"We trace the beginning of the Bicentennial Era in our area when the Northern Lehigh Community Programs Committee was asked by the Borough Council of Slatington to be responsible for the planning of Bicentennial activities.

"A town meeting was called for November 19, 1974, inviting all interested persons in the Northern Lehigh Area to offer suggestions and ideas for Bicentennial activities. The Committee resolved a list of tentative ideas, and dates of May 14 to 24, 1976 for Bicentennial emphasis. The dates were sent to the Lehigh County Bicentennial Committee for approval."

(From a letter to the Lehigh County Bicentennial Committee dated December 9, 1976.)





# NORTHERN LEHIGH BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



Standing: Joan Pritchard, Carol Hoppes, Dave Altrichter, Evelyn Naylor; Seated: Arvilla Cunfer, Henry Kline, Chairman Paul Bolton, Karen Kern



Art Endy, Jr.  
Sec'y./Treas.



Peg Ferber



Dorothy Frable



Tricorne Hat and Patch  
Sold By The Bicentennial  
Committee.



Rev. David  
Johnson



Donna Rader



Shelby Rau



John Rand, Editor and  
Photographer of many of  
the pictures in this book.

# THE AMERICAN MOOSE OF 1976



First Row: Wanda Hallman, Sec'y., Robert Ross, Warren Weida, President  
Second Row: Mattie Weida, Linnie Griffith, Margaret Andrews, Dorothy Stanton, R.J. Roberts, Bill Griffith, Treasurer  
Third Row: Dale Ross, Donald Owens, Irene Yurconic, Robert Bryfogle  
Missing: Ruth Reitz, Warren Reitz, Leah Snyder, Jesse Snyder, Blaine Snyder, Florence Backus, Ray Backus

As their community project, this group cleaned up the debris at Victory Park and the Snyder family also painted the tables and benches red, white, and blue.

They participated in the Mini-Parade, Memorial Day Parade, and also in the Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Parade in which they received a prize.

The Moose entered the Walkathon and took charge of the parking at the Northern Lehigh Family Day Picnic.

They raised money for their group by hosting bake sales, ran the concession stand during the square dance and on the night of the Grand Parade.



This group was sponsored by the Moose Home of Slatington.

# ART'S HOMESTEADERS



First Row: Donald Deibert, Jr., David Hinkle, Jr., Wendy Phillips, Tracy Schoch, Brian Schoch, Jr., Darrin Hinkle  
Second Row: Dewees Deibert, President, Bill Deibert, Treasurer, Stella Schoch, Vice-President  
Third Row: Evelyn Vamos, Elsie Cole, Donald Deibert, Donna Hinkle, David Hinkle, Ivy Berry, Brian Schoch, Les Vamos  
Fourth Row: Donna Deibert, Joe Galio, Vivian Edwards, Francis Deibert, Ann Deibert, Debbie Hinkle  
Missing: Mel Phillips, Sharon Semmel, Stephanie Holko, Sec'y., Harry and Doris Schoch

As their community project, Art's Homesteaders contributed to the Slatington Ambulance Corps and also to the Slatington Library.

They raised money by hosting bake sales and drawings. They participated in the Family Day Picnic by cleaning the grounds after the festivities.

The Homesteaders built the float, pictured below, and entered the following parades: Kickoff Parade, Northern Lehigh, North Whitehall, Carbon County, Lansford, and the Memorial Day Parade. The float won first prize in Northern Lehigh and Carbon County Parades.





# SENIOR BELLES & BEAUS



First Row: Edna Lehman, Myrtle Sowden, President, Helen Kern, Sec'y/Treas., Irene Ringer, Ralph Craine

Second Row: Pauline Sheckler, Naomi Allen

Third Row: Hattie Daubenspeck, Ella Rowlands, Evelyn Herman, Mary Papay, Dorothy Kern, Francis Evans, Sallie Corey, Ella Craine, Henry Miller

Fourth Row: Ethel Jones, Martha Bloss, Helen Wanamaker, Mayme Hughes, Hilda Wentz, Rose Kern, Mildred Miller, Albert Schertzinger

Fifth Row: Luther Reitz, Erma Mack, Kathryn Reitz, Minnie Harter, Erma Brown, Roy Green, Claire Schertzinger, Henry Bolton

Missing: Mildred Blose, Mable DeLong, Lottie Farber, Joseph Herman, Mae Handwerk, Amelia Mack, Stuart Mack, Edith Marshall, Lillie Rehrig, Sara Roberts, Ruth Kester, Gwen Williams, Ellen Scheffler, Irene Jones, Herbert Jones, Ann Humphrey, William Humphrey, Marvin Williams, Charles Troxell, Agnes Garrity, Standa Shoenberger, Lillie Evans

The Senior Belles & Beaus participated in many of the events in our Bicentennial Year. Starting with helping at our bake sale, they also competed in the Walkathon. One of their members, Mayme Hughes, won the prize for the oldest walker.



This group entered the Kickoff Parade, built a float, pictured below, and entered the Northern Lehigh Parade in which they won a prize.

They took charge of the cake walk at the Family Day Picnic, turning the proceeds over to the Bicentennial Committee. They took part in the variety show at the Sr. High School and entertained at the Penna. Lottery drawing held in Slatington November 17, 1976.

# JANIE'S FLAPPERS



First Row: Flossie Kibler, Treas., Joan Hartman, Gloria Berger, Kathleen Ruzika  
Second Row: Alma Shuck, Hannah Daubenspeck, Dorothy Frable, Sec'y., June Sauerwine, Ethel Rustay  
Third Row: Janice Brown, Donna Rader, Pres., Betty Burger, Vice-Pres., Carolyn Hoppes

Janie's Flappers participated in the Mini-Parade and also the variety show at the Sr. High School by dancing the Charleston.

They also held a "Fish Pond" at the Family Day Picnic and turned the profits over to the Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Committee.

They built a float and participated in the Mini-Parade, Northern Lehigh Parade, and also the Memorial Day Parade.

The Flappers raised additional money by hosting a bake sale, white elephant sale, selling cake and drawings for afghans and sand sculpture.





# RENEGADES OF '76'



First Row: Christine Rex, Louisa Ortiz

Second Row: Allen Rex, Sec'y/Treas., Dennis Reckmack, President

Third Row: Whitey Merkle, Charles Moyer, Paul DeLong, Ray Ferber

Fourth Row: Barry Roberts, Bruce George, Woody Stettler, Milton Philips

Missing: Leo Engle, Vice-Pres., Charles "Chuck" Bloss, III, Jim Snyder, Carl "Fat" Hankee, Stephen "Chumpy" Kerscher, Barry Jones, Tom Fritz, Clinton Craig, III, Harold Schneck, Paul Hoffman, Charles Hughes, Jr., and Ambrose "Laffy" Serfass.

As their community project, the Renegades of '76" painted the parking lot lines at the American Bank, the Citizens Bank, and the American Legion Home. They donated money to the Messinger family who were made homeless as a result of a fire earlier in the year. The Renegades also contributed to the Slatington and Slatedale Ambulance Fund.



They raised money by hosting a Social Nite which was very successful. Additional social nights were deemed unnecessary because of the response to the first one.

The Renegades of "76" built this float and took part in the Kickoff Parade, Northern Lehigh, North Whitehall, Carbon County, and Lansford Parades. They won prizes in Northern Lehigh, Carbon County, and Lansford.



# SPRINGSIDE BELLES



First Row: Doreen Martinez, Beth Ann Musselman, Jodi Serfass, Larry Creasy, Keith Musselman

Second Row: Veronica De Fuso, June Handwerk, Sec'y.

Third Row: Carol Balliet, Mary Eroh, Darlene Musselman

Missing: Pauline Berger, Alma Handwerk, Treas., Catherine Hontz, Dorothea Smith, Blanche Kern, Vice-Pres., Marie Kistler, Geraldine McCann, Bertha Rex, Fannie Schlosser, Pres., Joseph Serfass, Rosemary Serfass, Joyce Soldridge.

The Springside Belles organized in April of 1964 for Slatington's Centennial Celebration and have remained active for twelve years.

For our nation's Bicentennial, this group held a bakeless Bake Sale and ran a soda stand at the Family Day Picnic. On both occasions they turned their profits over to the Bicentennial Committee.

The Belles participated in the Kickoff Program by baking and serving cookies.

With their float, pictured here, they participated in Slatington's Kick-off Parade and also the Northern Lehigh Parade.



# VALLEY GREEN BARSTOOLS



William Stein, Francis Lanczek, Past President,  
Preston Serfass, Treas., Mark Mack, Past Pres.  
Missing: Arlan Goodhile, Dennis Goodhile, Jeff Rex, Donald Snyder, Gary  
Schneck, Vice-Pres., Carl Peters, Roger Bachman, Sec'y., Raymond  
Rehrig, Pres., William Strohl, Ray Rocharuic, Alfred Seiler, Alfred  
Seiler, Jr., Ron Seiler, Claude Fenstermaker, John Solderidge, Paul  
Hester, Francis Hess, Charles Sodl.

The Valley Green Barstools Group has been in existence for twelve years  
(since Slatington's Centennial Celebration).

They were instrumental in restoring and maintaining the Firemen's Memorial  
Statue pictured above. Keeping the landscape beautiful to within 30 feet of  
Washington Township's rural roads was another undertaking by this energetic  
group. They also contributed to the Scholarship Fund of the Northern Lehigh  
School District.

The Barstools took part in the Kickoff Parade, built a float, and entered the  
Northern Lehigh Parade.

# VIGILANTIES



First Row: Edgar Weaver, Treas., Kenneth Green, Vice-Pres., Richard Reeser, Pres., Myrtle Weaver, Sec'y.

Second Row: Jocelyn Wanamaker, Shirley Green, Holly Weiss, Bernice Wanamaker

Third Row: Jake Wilder, Richard Wanamaker, Valent Wanamaker, Richard Rader

Missing: John Troxell, Shirley Troxell. Paul Wanamaker, Diana Evert, Walter Andrews, Dorothy Andrews, Robert Andrews, Robert Spalding, Forrest Hallman, Clifford Rehrig, Carl Miller, Franklin Beers.

The Vigilanties painted the area's fire hydrants red, white, and blue for their community project. They bought and served punch for the Kickoff Parade and Program.

A float was built and entered in the Mini-Parade and the Northern Lehigh Parade.

The group raised money by hosting bake sales, sold banks, pillows, and pendants. They also held a Tupperware party.

Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Weaver baked many fancy cakes and donated them to the local Bicentennial Committee and to the other groups for fund raising programs.



# WELSH'S 49ERS



First Row: Larry Davis, Vice-Pres., Tom Scott, Pres.

Second Row: Irvie Fisher, Dawson Andrews, Don Handwerk, Charlie Franklin, Pete Welsh, Danny Freed.

Third Row: Larry Andrews, Bill Kern, Rodney Kuntz, Pete Lalik, Bob Kutney, Tom Zeiser

Fourth Row: David DeSousa

Missing: Craig LaBold, Treas., Jim Myster, Sec'y., Charlie Williams, Jack Chandler, Percy Knappenberger, Ed Oncheck, Barry Neff, Ted Kistler, Jim Rehrig, Bill Rettew.

In addition to painting their sponsor's (Welsh's Inn) porch red, white, and blue, the 49ers painted the curbs of the area as their community project.

They participated in five parades with the float shown below. The parades included Northern Lehigh, North Whitehall, Carbon County, Lansford, and Lehigh County. The group won prizes in three parades with their float and marching group. They also entered the Mini-Parade and Kickoff Program.



On May 14th, they joined the Golden Nuggettes by presenting a square dance at the Slatington High School.

Money was raised by running a car wash and hosting a social nite.

# WELSH'S GOLDEN NUGGETTES



First Row: Monica Andrews, Nina Lauer. Treas., Barbara Lalik. Pres., Susan Davis, Vice-Pres., June Horwith, Sec'y., Stacy Andrews  
Second Row: Wanda Martin, Gerry Welsh, Rosemary Andrews, Mae Freed, Rosann Kistler, Betty Franklin  
Third Row: Jennifer Wentz, Jean Bolton, DiDi Kutney, Diane Roberts

The Golden Nuggettes painted the fence around the community fish pond red, white, and blue as their Bicentennial project.

They participated in five parades including Northern Lehigh, North Whitehall, Carbon County, Lansford, and Lehigh County winning prizes in three parades.

The Nuggettes helped with the Mini-Parade and Kickoff Program by marching and donating plus serving cookies. They also co-ordinated and held a Bicycle-Buggy Decorating Contest for the youngsters for our Northern Lehigh celebration. They sold candy at the Family Day Picnic and helped present a square dance at the variety show.

These busy ladies raised money by hosting a Tupperware Party, bake sales, and a tour of Das Stettel Haus.





# WEST WASHINGTON STREET MILITIA



First Row: Joe Bechtel, Chris Kaul, Thomas Evans

Second Row: Mary Bechtel, Jim Bechtel, Vincent DeSanctis, Ann Zeiser, Michelle Yenser, Diane Wehr, Advisor.

Third Row: Theresa DeSanctis, David Nienkiewicz, Monica Kaul, Monica Serfass, Sec'y., Colleen Kaul, Jane Hoffer

Fourth Row: Linda Yenser and Joan DeSousa, Advisors

Missing: Steve Martinez, David Harding, Byron Leskovich, Vice-Pres., Jack Bechtel, Ed Bechtel, Pres., Joanne Bechtel, Leonard Bechtel, Patricia Gnas, Michelle Lorah, Scott Peters, Patty Ebby, Nannette Benner, Mary Lancsek, Advisor.

The West Washington Street Militia was the only teenage group participating in the Northern Lehigh Area Bicentennial Celebration.

They presented a skit called "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at our Kickoff Program and also took charge of the teenage games at our Family Day Picnic.



The Militia built a float and entered the following parades: Mini-Parade, Northern Lehigh, Lehigh County Grand Parade, North Whitehall, Carbon Co., and Lansford. The group won a prize in Northern Lehigh's parade.



Junior Women's Club



Slatington Women's Club Program



Although not officially sanctioned Bicentennial groups, as recognized by the Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Committee, these organizations built floats, presented programs and kept the Spirit of the Bicentennial alive in the area.

Slatington Lions Club



Walnutport V. F. W.



# NORTHERN LEHIGH CALENDAR

## OF BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Jan 18 - The Slatington Senior High School was the setting for the dedication and presentation of the official American Revolution Bicentennial Flag to the communities represented in the Northern Lehigh area: Slatington, Walnutport, and Washington Township.

William Albert, the Lehigh County Bicentennial Committee Chairman, was the keynote speaker. The program was free and was attended by approximately five hundred people. David Altrichter was chairman of the event.

Mar 28 - People on the route from Friedens to Walnutport today saw about 200 entrants walking in our Bicentennial Walkathon.

Heading the group was "Bill" Albert, Lehigh County Bicentennial Chairman and his family. This was the first fund raiser and netted \$3200.

The walk was along Route 873, through Slatington, then across the bridge to Walnutport where it ended at the Diamond Fire Company. Refreshments were served. Shelby Rau was chairman of this affair.

Apr 19 - A program entitled "Freedom Then, Freedom Now, Freedom Tomorrow" was held at the Slatington Women's Clubhouse. Slides were shown illustrating the program's title. A question and answer period followed the presentation. This undertaking was co-ordinated by the Slatington Women's Club with Evelyn Naylor chairing the event.



(May 14 Program Photos)



May 2 - The Sons and Daughters of Northern Lehigh Area made their first appearance in costume on this date. Led by a color guard of the American Legion and the Slatington High School Band, they marched down Main Street and into Smith Hall. There they presented a program to the general public. Paul Bolton, our Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Committee Chairman, was master of ceremonies for the program. It consisted of a skit entitled "The Little Red Schoolhouse", presented by the Washington Grange, who were our special guests. The "Charleston" was danced by Janie's Flappers and another skit, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" was done by the West Washington Street Militia. Highlights of the program were: presentation of a special Northern Lehigh Flag to Mr. Bolton and Shelby Rau announced the seven finalists for the Heritage Queen Contest - Carol Auman, Jean Bolton, Arvilla Cunfer, Jean Davies, Karen Kern, Mary Lancsek and Natalie Schleicher. Refreshments were served by the Springside Belles, Golden Nuggettes and the Vigilanties. Chairmen for this affair were Arvilla Cunfer, Bruce George and June Handwerk.



May 14 - The official opening for our celebration was held today at the Slatington Sr. High School. A program "Salute to American Music" was presented by the class of '76. The history of music in the United States was traced by students and members of the communities of the Northern Lehigh Area.





May 15 - On Saturday evening, the Jr. Women's Club hosted a country square dance for the general public at Main & Church Streets. Music was provided by the Rehrig Family Band. Refreshments were sold. Karen Kern was the chairperson.



May 16 - The United Presbyterian Church of Slatington was the setting for our "Religious Heritage" service. Reverend David Johnson is the present pastor of the oldest congregation in the area. A guest speaker deeply moved the congregation with his remarks. After the service, a display of the Northern Lehigh Historical Society was shown in the church basement.

May 17 - It was a cloudy day with periods of rain, but the area citizens were jubilant as they prepared for our Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Grand Parade.



At seven o'clock the fire siren sounded, the rain abated, and the sun shone as spectators lined the route of the parade. The line of march was from Slatington to Walnutport, one of the longest and largest parades ever held in the area. Henry Kline was chairman of the Parade Committee.







May 18 - This date was reserved for the Scouts. The Scout Day Program was held at Smith Hall Gymnasium. Eighteen Scout Troops from the Northern Lehigh Area put on an impressive show of displays, exhibits, and demonstrations. Joan Pritchard was chairperson of this event.

May 19 - The Slatington Sr. High School was the site of the Band Concert presented by the Slatington High School Band directed by George Fennell. Music for this concert was restricted to American Composers.

May 20 - The Golden Nuggettes sponsored a Bicycle & Buggy Decorating Contest. The competition was held in the Slatington Sr. High School Gymnasium. Over forty entries were patriotically decorated and prizes were awarded the winners.



(Bicentennial Chorus Photos)





St. John's United Church of Christ was the scene for a concert presented by the Lehigh County Bicentennial Chorus, of which two members are from our area



(Catherine Hausman and Nellie Williams.) A slide presentation from the Smithsonian Institution illustrated the gowns of the First Ladies. This affair was hosted by the Slatington Women's Club, chaired by Evelyn Naylor.

May 21 - Northern Lehigh's Heritage Ball was held tonight. Music was provided by Bud Rader's Orchestra. Many of the couples came to the Ball in colonial costume. The highlight of the evening was the coronation of Mary Lancsek as our Heritage Queen. Light refreshments were served. Shelby Rau was chairperson of the dance.



May 22 - The annual Spring Festival was held today at the Slatington High School, hosted by the P.T.A. Good food, games, a pet show, music, arts & crafts, and a coin show made up the agenda of the day. Dale Merrill chaired the arts & crafts display shown here.



May 24 - The Slatington Elementary School was host for the youngsters who participated in our Bicentennial celebration. A 130 voice choral group presented a concert and an art display at the school. All elementary schools held an "open house" and exhibited displays and presented plays for the audiences. Lee Greenawalt was chairman.

May 31 - An old-fashioned picnic was held at the Emerald Playground. Games for all ages were jointly sponsored by the West End Playground, the West Washington Street Militia, and the Jaycettes. A cake walk was hosted by the Senior Belles and Beaus.



After enjoying their supper, George Fennell directed a sing-a-long. Over two hundred people attended the picnic. Chairing this sub-committee were Arvilla Cunfer, Bruce George and June Handwerk.

June 10 - Two Hundred copies of a history of the Northern Lehigh Communities were made available for sale today. Peg Ferber was writer and editor of the publication.

June 13 - Northern Lehigh hosted the Hardaway High School Band from Columbus, Georgia as part of the Festival of Colonies Bands Competition. Many lasting friendships resulted from their short visit. At the airport, Mayor Donald Davies received the keys to the city of Columbus, Georgia. The Hardaway Band was awarded second place at the closing ceremonies. Carol Mac Crindle and Susan Behler were in charge of locating housing for the band.

June 29 - The Bicentennial Wagon Train, which crossed the country, passed through our area. Wagons from many states were represented. Signed Re-dedication Scrolls were presented to Bill Albert to be taken to Valley Forge, PA by the Wagon Train. The Scrolls were micro-filmed and placed into a time capsule, which will be opened in 2076.





July 4 - We participated in a religious Heritage Service. At 2:00 P.M. throughout the country, church bells were rung to proclaim and commemorate Liberty throughout this land.

Jul 10 - The Slatington Soap Box Derby was hosted again this year by the Northern Lehigh Jaycees. Newly painted red, white, and blue starting ramps were featured. Todd Garloff of Emmaus won the local race and also ninth place in the finals in Akron, Ohio. John Rand is the Derby Director for this annual event.

Jul 10-11 - A tour of Chester Gable's restored stone farmhouse was provided by the Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Committee. Transportation was made available from downtown Slatington to the tour site. Approximately 200 people enjoyed touring the home, which is tastefully appointed with antiques and historic items.

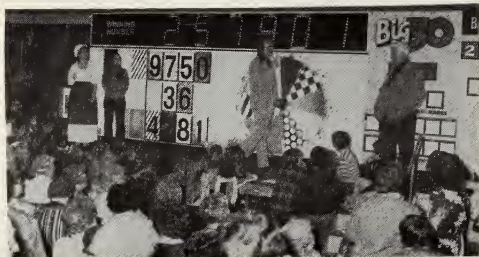
Oct. 3 - A dinner-dance "Autumn Harvest" was held at the Slatington Moose Home this evening. After a family style ham and beef dinner, the group was entertained by the Howertown Rascals.



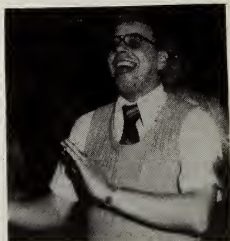




Music was furnished by the Melody Kings. Many of the participants at the affair arrived in their Colonial attire. William Albert, Lehigh County Bicentennial Committee Chairman, was the Master of Ceremonies. The project was chaired by Arvilla Cunfer, June Handwerk and Bruce George. Oct. 17 - About fifty people, together with members of the Lehigh County Bicentennial Committee and the Northamptontowne Militia, took part in a church service at St. John's Lutheran Church. The Militia presented the Colors in an impressive program. Keynote speaker was the Pastor, Rev. Dr. John Newpher.



Nov. 17- Slatington was the scene for the Pennsylvania State Lottery. Prior to the drawing, the Senior Citizens "Ding-Dong Band" entertained with music and vocal selections. About five hundred anxious citizens jammed the Slatington Moose Home to witness the event which takes place weekly in various communities throughout the State. Members of the Northern Lehigh Bicentennial Committee, local dignitaries, children and the general public were invited on stage to help in the drawing procedure.



# NORTHERN LEHIGH BICENTENNIAL QUEEN & HER COURT



Mary Lancsek



Carol Auman



Jean Bolton



Arvilla Cunfer



Jean Davies



Karen Kern



Natalie Schleicher

## BICENTENNIAL FLOAT



# GOD BLESS U. S. A.

Thelma Roberts, 1975

1. Some-thing's a-bout to be-gin that will make quite a stir in the world.  
 2. Towns and cit-ies have spread all o-ver the love-ly land-scape.

This system contains the first two lines of the song. It features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first line of music ends with a double bar line.

1. — It's Bic cen ten nial time in the U. S. A. where the  
 2. fair-ly all of two hundred years since our fore fathers land-ed on

This system contains the next two lines of the song. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The second line of music ends with a double bar line.

1. red white and blue's un-furled. Fis-tly states ring-ing bells blow-ing horns fly-ing ships let's  
 2. rock a-y shores so bare. Short the guns, beat the drums, ring the bells blow the horns let's

This system contains the next two lines of the song. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The third line of music ends with a double bar line.

1 & 2 happy-ing today. O shoot and sing 'till the high moun-tains ring God Bless U. S. A.

This system contains the final two lines of the song. It continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The fourth line of music ends with a double bar line.



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